

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance mailed August 26, 2008, claims 26-31, 75, 76, 78-89, 91-101, 103-112, 115-126, 128-140 and 142-156 were allowed.

In this timely Amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Applicants have amended the specification in the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" by deleting two paragraphs.

Also in this Amendment, Applicants have amended, without prejudice, the previously allowed independent claims.

It is believed that the present application is still in condition for allowance.

Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, to argue what is allegedly well known, allegedly obvious or allegedly disclosed, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue, without prejudice, subject matter that has been cancelled and/or amended in a related and/or continuing application.

Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the alleged support of recited claim elements in particular disclosures or of the alleged effective filing dates of the claimed inventions. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue the effective filing dates of the claimed inventions and any other priority issues should that need arise in the future.

With respect to the present application, Applicants hereby rescind any disclaimer of claim scope made in the parent application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer of claim scope, if any, and the alleged prior art that it was made to allegedly avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should a disclaimer of claim

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scope, if any, in the present application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, to charge any fee deficiencies or to credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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